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point with me. I for one am tired of listening to inferences like this which would make the White House the scapegoat.

There is another side to the GPO coin—a very bright one. The Government Printing Office produces some outstanding work—work that is not matched anywhere else in the world. You have all seen these products; publications of the Departments of the Army, Navy, Defense, Agriculture, and other large agencies. They are paying a price for the service, of course—fast, quality service may rightly command premium praise—but there are no finer looking publications. Why, however, does that same quality not show up in the work done for agencies which are smaller but, proportionately, not lesser?

That much of GPO's work is without peer is only proof that it can do work of the highest quality routinely. Why then does it not?

BETHLEHEM VFW POST LAUNCHES MAIL-FROM-HOME PROJECT FOR AMERICAN SERVICEMEN IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

(Mr. ROONEY of Pennsylvania (at the request of Mr. FOLEY) was granted permission to extend his remarks at this point in the RECORD and to include extraneous matter.)

Mr. ROONEY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I am very proud and happy to be able to announce today a project which is being conducted in my congressional district to support members of the U.S. Armed Forces serving in Southeast Asia.

The project is a mail-from-home campaign which has been initiated by Bethlehem, Pa., Post 855, Veterans of Foreign Wars, to develop and maintain a steady flow of mail to all service men and women serving our country in Southeast Asia. Mail from home is the idea of Commander Wilbur F. H. Raidline, a man who has had a very successful past experience in boosting morale of American servicemen when, during the Korean war, he personally conducted a similar mail campaign which produced 35,000 letters, and 560 packages for American forces in Korea.

Commander Raidline's new project has won endorsement of the Department of Defense and the White House, as his earlier project did in the 1950's. I personally wish him and VFW Post 855 every possible success because, in this small way, we as individual citizens can say "thanks" to the brave Americans who wear our Nation's military uniforms.

All Americans want our young men and women serving in Vietnam and in support capacities elsewhere in that region of the world to know that we at home do care and do appreciate what they are doing in defense of freedom and in quest of permanent peace.

Through newspapers published in Southeast Asia, Commander Raidline and VFW Post 855 will invite servicemen who would like to receive mail from home to send their complete mailing addresses and a brief description of themselves and their interests to Mail From Home, Bethlehem Post 855, VFW, Bethlehem, Pa. 18017.

At the same time, individuals across the country are invited to write letters and forward them along with postage to the Bethlehem VFW Post to be sent to individual servicemen overseas. Persons who wish to send packages may contact the Bethlehem VFW post by mail to receive the name and address of a serviceman who has requested a package.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the members of our Armed Forces who will spend the forthcoming holiday season many thousands of miles from home, I would like to invite all Americans to assist Commander Raidline and post 855 in this effort by writing warm, friendly letters from home. And I extend this same invitation to all of my colleagues in Congress as well as to the individual staff members of congressional offices and offices of the executive and judicial branches.

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AN APPEAL TO THE CONSCIENCE OF THE NATIONS ISSUED BY ISRAEL'S CHIEF RABBI

(Mr. FARBSTAIN (at the request of Mr. FOLEY) was granted permission to extend his remarks at this point in the RECORD and to include extraneous matter.)

Mr. FARBSTAIN. Mr. Speaker, last week I inserted into the RECORD a press account of an appeal to the conscience of humanity by Israel's chief rabbi on the subject of the persecution of Jewish minorities in Arab countries.

I now have a full text of that appeal, which I would like to place in the RECORD.

This statement provides compelling evidence of Arab cruelty. I might note that while independent observation confirms the barbarity of Arab treatment of Jewish minorities, independent observation also confirms that Israel has been treating its Arab minority with kindness, decency, and respect. This statement points up the ludicrousness of Arab complaints of Israel injustice.

I urge my colleagues to read this statement, to judge for themselves which side in the current conflict in the Middle East has conducted itself in a civilized manner.

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With the onset of the High Holy Days in this year of destiny for the House of Israel, we, the Chief Rabbis of the State of Israel, appeal with all earnestness to the conscience of the Nations to act vigorously and without delay to alleviate the plight of thousands of innocent Jews against whom the governments of some Arab states have vented their anger and wrought their vengeance after failing in their aggressive design to extinguish the reborn Jewish State.

While the attention of the world has been focused so intently on the political problems besetting our region, and the clamour of Arab slander against Israel mounts in intensity, supported by the unprincipled policy of certain other governments, the plight of the Jewish communities in several of the Arab states where a reign of black terror has been unleashed against them, approaches total catastrophe.

Hundreds of Jews are being subjected to daily torture, beatings and humiliations, while imprisoned in inhuman conditions and indeed in some cases in the custody of Nazis

who have found haven and hospitality in Egypt.

All this is being done by several Arab governments to their Jewish citizens and residents as well as stateless Jews, absolutely innocent of any action hostile to the state, only because they are Jews, and as such defenseless, held political hostage, and the victims of the Arabs' thwarted grand design to annihilate the State of Israel.

Attempts by international and humanitarian bodies have met with stubborn refusal on the part of Egypt, Syria and Iraq to discuss the plight of their Jewish communities, and all humanitarian approaches to rescue these communities from the inhuman totalitarian oppression they are undergoing have been rudely rejected by the Arab governments concerned.

In Egypt, which has committed the bestial obscenity of using Nazi gaolers camouflaged with Egyptian names, for Jewish prisoners—an act deeply repugnant to civilized humanity in the light of recent history—the property of the Jews of Cairo has been confiscated, harsh restrictions are imposed against those Jews not held in unspeakably grim prisons, those imprisoned have been beaten, their hands and ribs broken, their hair shaven, their eye-brows pulled out; they have been denied food and water for long hours. When water has been provided, it has been in minute quantities and crude methods. The Chief Rabbi of Alexandria is in prison, the Chief Rabbi of Cairo is under house arrest as is the president of the Ashkenazi Jewish Community in the Egyptian capital, and those few Jews expelled from Egypt after imprisonment have been deprived of all their possessions and belongings.

In Syria, which has never treated its Jewish minority humanely, the Jews live in ghetto conditions, suffering persecutions endless extortions; Jewish quarters have been attacked by mobs, curfews have been imposed, Jewish ghettos are threatened with starvation, all the Jewish teachers were expelled from schools and were replaced by Moslem teachers. In Damascus Jews were thrown out of their homes which were given to Palestinians. The public is instructed not to buy from Jews.

In Iraq, unbridled incitement against the Jews abounds in the government press, radio and television. Jewish business has been prohibited, dozens of Jews arrested on trumped-up charges of "spying for Israel", police and other government personnel have extorted money from Jews. The secret police have begun, lately, to threaten the Jews with murder and expropriation. A Jewish girl was arrested, put into gaol with criminals and only freed after she had been raped.

In Egypt, Syria and Iraq, the Jews have suffered intensely since the tension started in this area early this year sustaining severe losses in life, liberty and property, as a result of direct governmental responsibility for their persecution. Almost all the Jewish men in Egypt have been imprisoned, including those seriously ill from heart and other ailments. Synagogues have been seized, prayers proscribed. Iraqi legislation against Jews has been rigidly enforced, professions have been closed to Jews in that country, the government refuses to issue passports to Jews wishing to leave.

This shocking catalogue of crimes by Arab governments against their helpless Jewish minorities has been largely overlooked in recent months by public opinion in the enlightened world.

The attempts made by international agencies to halt or at least modify the reign of terror have been ineffectual and contemptuously rebuffed by the Arab governments concerned.

We therefore direct this passionate appeal from Jerusalem, the sacred shrine of Judaism and the focus of intense religious feeling for

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the great religions, to the conscience of all mankind to raise its voice and demand instant action to stamp out this inhuman, cruel and uncivilized wave of oppression directed against our people by governments which give lip service to the United Nations Charter.

May the Rock of Israel in His infinite wisdom and mercy bring about the salvation of the hostages of Israel as the Book of Judgment is once more opened to weigh right and wrong in these High Holy Days.

NEW YORK POLL SHOWS THE REAL STRENGTH OF L. B. J.

(Mr. FARBSTEIN (at the request of Mr. FOLEY) was granted permission to extend his remarks at this point in the RECORD and to include extraneous matter.)

Mr. FARBSTEIN. Mr. Speaker, some Republicans are spreading the word that Lyndon Johnson will be easy to beat in 1968.

We know the Republicans are experts at whistling in the dark. And few Democrats are taking them seriously. For while the President's popularity is down a year before the election, much can happen to alter the trend of the popularity polls.

I would also remind the Republicans of a less-publicized, but significant fact: A poll conducted by a Princeton firm shows the President winning decisively against every Republican candidate put against him.

Commenting on this poll, Roscoe Drummond writes:

While the decisiveness of LBJ's lead in New York State runs counter to those who take his defeat next year almost for granted, it supports others who believe that, when the test is at hand, the odds will favor the President.

The poll shows President Johnson running ahead of Nixon, Romney, Reagan, and Senator PERCY by margins of 22 to 27 percent.

He beats them all in traditionally Republican upstate New York by 9 to 13 percent; and he demolishes them in New York City by 36 percent.

Mr. Drummond notes that the poll was conducted by a veteran and highly respected polltaker.

I have consulted with an expert student of polls—

He writes—

and his judgment is that the questions were properly framed.

What does this poll mean?

It means that Republican talk notwithstanding, Lyndon B. Johnson will be a tough candidate to beat in 1968. The difficulty the Republicans face is that they are up against a President who has compiled an unprecedented record of achievement for the American people.

And as New York is going—so will go the Nation.

I insert into the RECORD Roscoe Drummond's article appearing in the Wichita Eagle:

IS JOHNSON DOWN OR UP?

(By Roscoe Drummond)

WASHINGTON.—Is LBJ down or up?

A series of Gallup and Harris nationwide surveys shows President Johnson massively unpopular.

But an in-depth New York state poll shows President Johnson massively popular.

The fact that a political opinion survey runs sharply counter to the mainstream of polling is no reason it can be safely dismissed.

When the polls show opposite results, it is a little unsettling. Consider this:

Nationwide Gallup and Harris polls show Romney and Rockefeller, when pitted against Johnson in trial heats, each winning by a few percentage points.

But in New York state a poll just completed by Political Surveys and Analyses, Inc. of Princeton, shows the President winning decisively against every Republican candidate put against him.

The margin of LBJ's political ascendancy in New York state can hardly be overemphasized.

He runs ahead of Nixon, Romney, Reagan, and Percy by a range of 22 to 27 per cent.

He leads them all in substantially conservative, traditionally Republican upstate New York by a range of 9 to 13 per cent.

He crushes his Republican opponents in New York City by 36 per cent.

Against Nixon, who does better in this New York poll than the other Republicans, Johnson takes 70 per cent of the Negro vote, 81 per cent of the Jewish vote, and a substantial majority of the Catholic and Protestant vote.

The President takes 25 per cent of the Republican vote while Nixon wins only 12 per cent of the Democratic vote. He leads comfortably among independents.

Here are the precise figures on how Johnson does against four GOP opponents in New York state:

Candidates:	Percent
Nixon -----	31
Johnson -----	53
Percy -----	28
Johnson -----	51
Reagan -----	29
Johnson -----	56
Romney -----	30
Johnson -----	52

(The average undecided vote was 14 per cent. The average vote for other candidates, 3½ per cent. Rockefeller's name was not polled.)

Was this a competent survey? There is no evidence to the contrary. It was supervised by Archibald Crossley, a veteran polltaker and widely respected as both professional and objective. I have consulted with an expert student of polls and his judgment is that the questions were properly framed.

It is on the unexpectedly large Johnson lead that the Crossley poll conflicts with the national results of the Gallup and Harris polls. Romney is the only Republican in the Crossley poll who has run ahead of Johnson in a nationwide Gallup poll. Nixon, Reagan, and Percy have never led the President in any nationwide trial heat.

While the decisiveness of LBJ's lead in New York state runs counter to those who take his defeat next year almost for granted, it supports others who believe that, when the test is at hand next fall, the odds will favor the President.

MRS. BOLTON PRAISES THE JOB CORPS

(Mr. HOLLAND (at the request of Mr. FOLEY) was granted permission to extend his remarks at this point in the RECORD and to include extraneous matter.)

Mr. HOLLAND. Mr. Speaker, the fight over the war on poverty which is looming before the House will, obviously, be a bitter and difficult one. One of the few

satisfactions the Nation can take from this struggle is that it has transcended purely partisan boundaries. Both the friends and the foes of the war on poverty can be found on both sides of the aisle, and the desire to do what is best for the Nation will, I am confident, overcome the natural desire to do what is best for a Member's own party.

The able gentlewoman from Ohio [Mrs. BOLTON] recently visited a woman Job Corps center in Cleveland, and came away with the kind of straightforward and penetrating analysis which her colleagues, Republican and Democratic, have learned to expect from the ranking lady of the House.

The Cleveland Congresswoman—

According to the Cleveland Plain Dealer—

advocated Job Corps tours for Congressional critics of the program.

Mr. Speaker, I insert newspaper articles from the September 8 editions of the Plain Dealer and the Cleveland Press, describing Mrs. BOLTON's tour and her comments, at this point in the RECORD:

[From the Cleveland (Ohio) Press, Sept. 8, 1967]

CONGRESSWOMAN BOLTON LAUDS GIRLS' CENTER HERE

Cong. Frances Bolton (R-Cleveland) said a tour of the Women's Job Corps Center here has won her enthusiastic approval of the program regarded as the most costly and most criticized of national anti-poverty efforts.

The center at 1588 Ansel Rd. has an enrollment of about 330 girls and has cost about \$2,500,000 a year to operate in addition to about \$300,000 in cash allowances for the trainees. This amounts to about \$8000 a year for each trainee.

But Cong. Bolton said these costs are justified by the success of the center and urged that more money be provided for the program.

"This is the essence of what Americans want to do to help people," she said of the center where girls from poverty families live while they receive schooling and job training.

Mrs. Bolton added that she feels Congress was wrong in restricting the policy by which girls and youths are flown to and from centers far from their homes for this training. The center here has girls from Hawaii, California, Texas, Alabama, New York and other states.

Having trainees from all parts of the nation living together is a way of helping to build America, she said.

Dr. Zelma George, the center director who was highly praised by Cong. Bolton, contended that there is less temptation for trainees to drop out of the program when they are remote from their homes.

An aide said that more than 75 per cent of the center's graduates are being placed in jobs.

[From the Cleveland (Ohio) Plain Dealer, Sept. 8, 1967]

REPRESENTATIVE BOLTON TOURS FACILITY: CITY JOB CORPS CENTER PRAISED (By Alma Kaufman)

Rep. Frances P. Bolton, R-22, had high praise for the Cleveland Job Corps for Women after spending yesterday there and said Job Corps should get a larger share of antipoverty money.

"This was one of the most wonderful days I ever had," said Mrs. Bolton.

"You see Hawaii living with Texas . . . Washington with Alabama; you get the sense that this is the way we're building America as we can't build it any other way."